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TOPIC \_\_\_\_\_ Military Activities in the Area of the Third Gds Mecz Army 25X1  
(Forst, Zinna, Luebben, Sperenberg, Wuensdorf)

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. At 1130 on 1 August 1955, a shipment of 30 tanks of a new type (5 large bogie wheels, flat turret similar to that of a JS-3 tank, gun with a caliber of approximately 85 mm) was detrained at the Forst Zinna railroad station. The shipment included 2 boxcarloads of guard personnel. The tanks were covered by tarpaulins. Shipping documents on several cars indicated that the shipment came from Frankfurt/Oder.<sup>1</sup>

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2. At 1900 on 1 August, 10 SP guns, presumably JSU-122s, and six-wheel armored personnel carriers were loaded at the Jueterbog-Altes Lager railroad station. The shipment included 2 boxcars.

3. At 2045 on 1 August, a train with 18 T-34/85 tanks, 8 SP guns and 4 boxcars with personnel stopped at the Jueterbog railroad station and subsequently left toward Falkenberg. 2

4. On 2 August, approximately 8 trucks, presumably ready to depart, were seen in the Jaeger Kaserne (3341) in Luebben.

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5. At about 1700 on 2 August, some 35 trucks were lined up in the Infanterie Kaserne (3343) in Luebben. Twenty to 25 trucks towed mortars, presumably of 120 mm. Two new cantonment buildings were being erected in the installation. 3

6. Between 25 July and 1 August, the barracks installation on Schumke Lake (3441) in Sperenberg was occupied by an estimated 1,300 soldiers wearing black, red-bordered black and blue-bordered black epaulets. Amphibious vehicles of both types were stationed in the installation. Small and large amphibious vehicles with wheel drive were repeatedly seen outside of the installation. The typical noise of engines of track-laying amphibious vehicles was heard exclusively from inside of the camp. On 30 July, 8

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track-laying amphibious vehicles and 10 large amphibious vehicles

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\_\_\_\_\_ were entrained in the installation. The shipment included 1 boxcar with personnel. At about 1900, the train left the Sperenberg railroad station toward Jueterbog. The track-laying amphibious vehicles were camouflaged and covered by tarpaulins while the other amphibious vehicles were not covered. At 1100 on 6 August, 8 track-laying amphibious vehicles, 1 small amphibious vehicle, and 5 boxcarloads of troops were detrained in the barracks installation on Schumke Lake. At 1530 on 7 August, an additional 8 track-laying amphibious vehicles, 10 other amphibious vehicles, 1 small amphibious vehicle, and 1 truck were unloaded in the same installation. 4

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8. In the early morning on 5 August, 9 T-34/85 tanks were unloaded in Wuensdorf and subsequently left for Neue Kaserne (7643) in Wuensdorf. At about 1700, 15 trucks were unloaded at the same station. They left also for Neue Kaserne. 6

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1. Comment. The observation of the unloading of T-54 tanks at the Forst Zinna railroad station confirms the arrival at Forst Zinna of additional T-54s.

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The referenced reports, however, mentioned 20 tanks, which appears more probable.

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2. Comment. There may be a connection \_\_\_\_\_ with tank units, presumably of the 14th Gds Mecz Div, went from Jueterbog to the Baruth area on 2 August for exercises.

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3. Comment. Weapons observed in the Jaeger and the Infanterie Kaserne in Luebben confirm there, the tank regiment and the mortar regiment of the 9th Mecz Div. Elements of the units were presumably ready to leave for the Lieberose training grounds, at which ~~locality~~ had repeatedly been utilized by them before.

4. Comment. It cannot yet be determined in which area this amphibious unit conducted exercises. The direction of departure vaguely indicates that the exercises may have been held at Jueterbog. According to composition of shipment, the unit which was unloaded on 6 August was identical with the amphibious unit, which was entrained toward Jueterbog on 24 July, while the unit which had been entrained on 30 July, returned on 7 August. The numbers

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of the amphibious vehicles (A 8-40-xx) belong to the Engr Regt from Sperenberg; the numbers with old prefix letter C are believed to belong to GSFG.

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5. Comment. The motor-vehicle [ ] belong to the 35th Engr Regt from Sperenberg and the [ ] of the driving-school vehicles to GSFG, Kummersdorf post.

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6. Comment. A tank firing detail of the 69th Mecz Regt of the 9th Mecz Div, returned, probably from the Lieberose training grounds.

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